GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:610
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CISF AT AIRPORTS
M. JAGANNATH

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for inducting the Central Industrial Security Force(CISF) into airport Security;

(b) whether the CISF is fully equipped to deal with special requirements of airports and to handle emergencies; and

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.610 DATED 5.5.2003 REGARDING CISF AT AIRPORTS

(a) After the hijacking of Indian Airlines` flight IC-814 inDecember, 1999, the Central Government decided to deploy CISFin place of State/Union Territory Police for airportsecurity, in a phased manner in all operational airports in the country, to bring in uniformity in procedures and practices and as a dedicated force for aviation security duties.

(b) & (c) Before induction, CISFpersonnel are given pre-induction training for Aviation Security duties. Onemonth on-the-job training is imparted to CISF personnel.Refresher courses are also conducted at regular intervals. Theyare provided with sophisticated and modern weapons and communication equipments. Their performance at airport is monitored periodically by officers of Bureau of Civil Avition Security.

To meet emergencies, Quick Reaction Teams (QRTs) of CISFhave been placed at all major airports and they are adequately briefed about their role in such situations. The State Police also assist CISF to tackle emergencies.